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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Andrew H. Cragg, et al.  
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR FORMING CURVED AXIAL  
BORES THROUGH SPINAL  
VERTEBRAE  
Examiner : Daniel J. Davis  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 17, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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